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: MATERIAL DISPENSER WITH APPLICATOR For

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application, which is being filed concurrently herewith, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between the title and "BACKGROUND OF THE INVEN-TION", insert:

- -- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS
- This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional applications No. 60/177,726, filed January 21, 2000, and No. 60/190,892, filed March 21, 2000, under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e). --

REMARKS

This Amendment adds, to the above-identified regular U.S. patent application, the requisite cross reference to the provisional applications of which it claims the priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

Entry of the Amendment is courteously requested.

Respectfully,

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